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Natural Gas in Lacombe

Much interest is being manifested in the activities of the Lacombe Brick, Tile & Cement Co. Ltd., relative to its undertaking to drill in Lacombe for natural gas. Recently the capital stock of the company was increased from \$20,000 to \$70,000 in order to provide funds for the work. Tenders for drilling the well are now being invited, bids to be submitted by the 20th of this month.

Those not familiar with what natural gas means to a community can scarcely grasp the far-reaching importance and direct benefit it will be to the whole district when the gas well is completed. Take one of the natural gas wells at Medicine Hat as an example. Every twenty four hours the gas it gives forth equals in heat units 800 tons of the best Minnesota coal, or 2400 barrels of crude oil, which produces 10,000 horse power a day. One manufacturing plant alone now using natural gas at a merely nominal cost, practically nothing, would have to spend about \$7,000 per month or \$84,000 per annum for coal to obtain the same horse power from its boilers.

To Lacombe and the whole district natural gas when found and utilized will be of untold benefit. Experts have already declared that the gas is here and merely needs tapping. The officers and directors of the Lacombe Brick, Tile & Cement Co. Ltd., should receive the hearty support of all public spirited men in the district in their undertaking. Natural gas will not only be of lasting benefit to the entire district but is bound to make enormous profits for those who manifest their interest and support by subscribing for shares now in order to help carry out the project to a successful conclusion.

Installation I.O.O.F. Officers

On Thursday evening Magnet Lodge No. 12 installed elective officers for the ensuing term. District Deputy Grand Master A. M. Campbell being in charge of the ceremonies.

The new officers are as follows: N. E. Carruthers, P. G.; M. B. McDonald, N. G.; B. S. Cameron, V. G.; Geo. Baker, E. S.; James Finlayson, F. S. The apollotive officers are yet to be filled.

School of Dancing Opens

Prop. C. S. Robinson, of Calgary, opened a school of dancing in the Comet Theatre Monday evening last. Enough were present at the opening to assure a successful class for the term. The school will be of as much benefit to old dancers as to beginners as Prof.

Robinson will give instructions in the latest ballroom dances. Arrangements have been made for adult classes every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 to be followed by an open assembly. A class for children will be held on Monday afternoons. It is important that all who intend to join the class should do so at the start and get the benefit of the complete course. The terms will be for adults, \$10 for 12 lessons; for children, \$6 for 12 lessons. Any further particulars may be obtained at the City Pharmacy.

Big Movement From the States

Calgary, Jan. 8.—"The movement of American farmers into Western Canada during 1914 will be much larger than in any former year," said M. E. Thornton, Chicago representative of the Canadian Pacific's Department of Natural Resources, who arrived in this city yesterday. Mr. Thornton is one of the principal men in the big railroad's colonization scheme and is thoroughly in touch with the undertaking to bring American farmers of experience and means into this country.

"Within the next sixty days there will be 4,500 representatives of the Natural Resources department at work throughout the United States, exploiting the possibilities of Western Canada. We have a very large force in the field now. We are touring the Middle Western States with lecturers, supplemented with moving picture film, illustrative of actual farm life in Western Canada, and everywhere the farmers are evincing the liveliest interest.

"Last fall we inaugurated the special train idea, and it was very successful. We ran three train loads of buyers from Chicago to Alberta, and the results were so satisfactory that we will elaborate on the plan this spring.

"From practically every section in which we have agents at work we are receiving such encouraging reports that we are anticipating that we will run a great many special trains from Chicago to Alberta, commencing with the early spring, and every train that we bring in will be crowded to capacity with prospective purchasers of land, and every purchaser will be a settler. They must undertake to improve the land which they buy, else there is no transaction."

MARRIAGES

Hankins-Brown—At the parsonage, Lacombe, on December 31, 1913, by Rev. E. T. Scragg, Abner Raymond Hankins to Zola Laura Brown, both of Blindman Valley.

George-Cumming—At the home of the bride, by Rev. E. T. Scragg, on January 6th, Frank Bryden George to Mrs. Sarah Cumming, both of Lacombe.

Metzger-Burger—At Wiggins, Colorado, on December 25, 1913, Ralph C. Metzger, of Lacombe, to Miss Pearl Burger, of Wiggins. They will reside in Lacombe.

Items of Interest Locally

Mumps and measles are prevalent in this vicinity at present.

J. Inglis, of Olds, visited his brother R. H. Inglis here this week.

For the choicest candies, made in Lacombe, go to the Lacombe Candy Kitchen.

Miss Vera Scherrer, after spending the holidays with her parents here, returned to Calgary Thursday.

The Assembly Club's ball on Thursday evening was well attended and a highly enjoyable social event.

Mrs. P. Talbot will receive on Thursday, January 15th, and afterwards on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

U. E. Reeves, of The Leading Store staff, has gone to the States for a holiday trip of about two months.

Death—Harold, eleven months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Goldring, died on January 3, after a brief illness.

The report comes from Brandon, Manitoba, that W. S. Mooney is in the hospital there, seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Dr. Hynes is away for a trip through the States. Among other points of interest he will visit the noted hospitals at Rochester and Chicago.

Chas. A. Stewart, of the Bank of British India, Yokohama, Japan, is here visiting his aunt, Mrs. A. Urquhart, on route to Europe on a year's leave of absence.

The Calgary Brewing Co. has donated a fine silver cup for competition by the Lacombe Curling Club. It may be seen in the show window of F. L. Smith, Ltd.

Miss Lyle Boardman, of Wataskiwin, has been engaged by the school board here to teach Standards VII and VIII during Miss Vickerson's absence on leave.

The following hospital donations are reported: A. Triand, \$5; Miss D. Talbot, 50c; Miss Vickerson, 50c; Miss I. Vickerson, 50c; G. Hughes, 1 bolt ribbon; F. Watson, repairs on washing machine.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKenty entertained friends to the number of ninety on New Year's Eve, and the old year was ushered out with cards, music and other social pastime. Everyone spent a delightful evening.

Two hockey games are on tap at the Lacombe rink for this week. Tuesday evening Red Deer plays Lacombe, and Thursday evening Lacombe plays Lacombe in the first league game on home ice. Both are expected to be close games.

On Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Walters entertained friends at their farm home, Pleasant Valley. A large number from town

motored out and report the drive most delightful. An enjoyable evening was spent, chiefly at dancing.

Four inches of snow this week, followed by a drop in temperature to zero and a few degrees below, have stopped the pressing demand for ice cream, and it seems more like winter now, especially when the northwest corner of one of those Medicine Hat "chincoks" meets you coming round a corner.

S. J. Boyd, who for about a year past has been manager of the Merchant's Bank at Acme, Alberta, has been transferred to the management of the bank's branch at Trochu. On the eve of his departure the people of Acme tendered him a farewell banquet, expressing sincere regret that he was leaving but wishing him success in his new field.

The many friends of P. R. Talbot, V.S., will be pleased to learn of his appointment as Chief Veterinarian for the Province of Alberta. For some years Mr. Talbot has been Veterinary Inspector for the Edmonton district and in that capacity has been eminently successful, and is considered one of the most competent veterinarians in the province. During the winter months his work will be in connection with the Provincial Schools of Agriculture, where he will lecture on veterinary subjects.

We occasionally get a request from some subscriber in a distant rural neighborhood to publish the prevailing local market prices of live stock, grain and farm produce in our columns. When we were younger in the newspaper business we used to do this, but as prices are at all times subject to fluctuation and often changed materially between the time of going to press and the time a farmer got to town with his stuff, we came in for a large measure of censure on the charge of publishing misleading quotations. The difference was blamed onto the printer. Thanks, we have troubles enough already without hunting for more via the market quotation route.

The Trusts and Guarantee Co., Ltd., recognizing the importance of the central Alberta district, has decided to open a branch office at Lacombe, about February 1st, in order to facilitate the handling of their large business in the territory of which this town is the natural commercial center. J. G. Pratt, who has been with the company for some years past, has been selected for inspector for this district. A better choice could not have been made, as Mr. Pratt is well acquainted throughout the territory that will be in his charge, and his training has been such as to fully qualify him for the position. Their many friends here will be pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Pratt and family again residents of Lacombe.

Alberta Pays Very Promptly

London, Dec. 30.—The announcement is made that the pro-

vince of Alberta liquidated yesterday its \$1,500,000 debt in treasury bills which were issued in July last, and only matured yesterday. The satisfactory way in which these have been met is the subject of comment in The Standard, which says that at a time when overseas borrowing seems to be the feature of the hour, it is only right and fair on the part of the British investor to take notice of this payment, that is being effected.

U.S. Must Intervene in Mexico

London, Jan. 8.—The Spectator, in an article on the Mexican situation, declares that the pressure of public opinion in all the rest of the world soon will force the United States to intervene in Mexico. The article declares that President Wilson made a mistake in not assuming that President Huerta would be the strongest force with which to bring about peace in Mexico, and in supporting him accordingly; but it adds that it understands perfectly the reason why Mr. Wilson did not adopt such a cynical course.

"Instead the article says, 'he did what, with all respect we must say, was the worst thing he could have done. He intervened and pretended not to be intervening; so depraved bloodshed and anarchy and yet he would neither stop it himself nor let anyone else do so. The only way left for the United States is for themselves to restore order in Mexico.'

The Spectator declares that joint action by other powers with the United States in Mexico is impossible and that the United States will have to act alone or sacrifice the Monroe doctrine, which it is not likely to do. The article says it would prove rather an easy conquest for the United States, but that conquest would be succeeded by a demand for national independence, and accompanied by rebellion. The revolution would be suppressed, but it would be followed by annexation to the United States of the northern states of Mexico and the independence of the remainder of the country under a treaty by which the Washington government would control Mexico's foreign relations. The Spectator thinks even this condition would not last long and especially as within 50 years one nation of 300,000,000 English-speaking people will extend from the Canadian border to the Panama canal, with the exception of British Honduras.

In conclusion, the article says: "In spite of foolish American talk about English jealousy and so forth—talk so idiotic that one cannot too readily expect to deny it—the bulk of public opinion here will be heartily with the United States in their work of restoring order in Mexico. If they do their job on the spot—and if it is entrusted to Major Leonard Wood it certainly will be done well and wisely, and in a truly liberal spirit—the English people will be not merely friendly in a diplomatic sense, but sincerely sympathetic. They will be proud of America's successful shouldering of this huge piece of the white man's burden."

Natural Gas a Valuable Asset

It is difficult to estimate the value of the natural gas fields of Alberta. To the manufacturer it is an asset of extreme value and to the inhabitants a domestic acquisition of inestimable advantage both from an economic and hygienic viewpoint.

It has been stated by those qualified to judge that Alberta is the world's greatest natural gas belt; and that the gas fields of the Medicine Hat district are practically inexhaustible.

It is not so long ago since Medicine Hat was a quiet little settlement, while today it is fast taking rank as one of the best manufacturing cities on the American continent. Asked why; the answer is: Natural Gas, her greatest and most valuable asset.

What is said to be the largest manufacturing plant in Western Canada is now in course of construction at Dauntless, a new town to the south of Medicine Hat on the Crow's Nest line of the C. P. R. The buildings will be more than a half a mile long, all of solid steel and concrete construction and when completed will have cost about two and a half million dollars. Other plants are also to be built at Dauntless including that of the Gilbert Hunt Company, so that another and probably larger manufacturing city than Medicine Hat is already assured for Alberta and only because of the fact of an enormous supply of natural gas.

When one considers for a moment that primarily natural gas is accountable for the rapid growth and the development of such cities as Medicine Hat and Redcliff, not to mention scores of large and prosperous cities in the United States, it is small wonder that widespread interest is being taken in the work of drilling for natural gas to be undertaken in Lacombe. Should a flowing well of average pressure be "blown off" it would cause real estate values in the city to double and triple over night and would beneficially effect the entire district, since the gas could be piped in all directions for illumination and heating purposes.

Mr. Arthur Bumstead, in an article in the Dominion Magazine entitled: "Picking Tomorrow's Population Centers on Basis of Today's Facts," speaking of the coming cities of Alberta says: "Without hesitating we can readily select Lacombe and Stettler in the central section of the Province." And this prophecy was made, as he says, upon the basis of today's facts without regard to the latent possibilities that natural gas would awaken. It is not improbable that with the potential impetus its discovery and utilization would give to the city's development, Lacombe would soon take rank as one of Alberta's chief manufacturing centers.

BIRTH

Goldring—At Lacombe, on Friday January 2, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Goldring, a daughter.

FORCED GOVERNMENT TO ACT

The high cost of living and excessive taxation are two subjects which the present Government dislikes to discuss. The more Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal leaders demonstrate that these are the two pressing public questions in Canada today, the more do the Conservative leaders try to bury their heads in the sand and pretend that there is no need to discuss such trivialities as the inordinate cost to the common people of merely keeping alive.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced the Liberal policy of free food and reduced taxes with a serious inquiry into the high cost of living, the inspired Conservative press belittled the matter and intimated that the Government was so wedded to high tariff stability that it would not consider any inquiry. Hon. Mr. Crothers prayed for a few years of hard times to reduce prices. Hon. Mr. Foster declared that Canada was already overburdened with commissions and that the government merely pigeon-holed most of their reports after paying heavy expenses. Hon. Mr. Rogers said "No commission." Nothing could be further from the mind of Premier Borden and his colleagues than a commission to inquire into the cost of living.

They found, however, that the public thought otherwise. The general approval which greeted the Liberal policy filled them with dread. The result once more intimated that whether head of the Government or leader of the Opposition, Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the real leader of the Canadian people. Suddenly the Government changed its ideas, and announced with a flourish of trumpets that a commission would be appointed to inquire into the cost of living.

But this was done so grudgingly that the commission is likely to prove another of the farces referred to by Mr. Foster. While the three civil officials appointed are all excellently equipped for the work, they have been appointed under such restrictions that it will be difficult for them to make any effective investigation. They are apparently given no authority to make a real inquiry; they are unable to compel the production of evidence, and their field of work is strictly limited. About all they are empowered to do is to tabulate information they already have, sitting in private, and then reporting direct to the Government. Eventually the public may be allowed to see a report so censored as to be utterly useless. The Government seems to have appointed this commission more to prove that the cost of living is not too high and that taxation should not be reduced, than to secure any real information as a basis for remedial legislation.

PRICES HIGHER HERE

The comparison of retail food prices in England and Canada gives material which should prove food for thought to Canadians. England is one of the most congested centres of population in the world; probably 75 per cent of her food has to be imported from every corner of the globe. England's population is 618 per square mile,

Canada's only 1.93. Canada grows, or should produce, every article of food her people need, except imported luxuries. Yet the cost of living has gone up much faster in Canada than in England, while the ordinary articles of food cost much more today in Canada under high tariff than they do in England under free food.

According to the latest English Board of Trade statistics, bread in London, England, costs 2.825 cents a pound. In Ottawa the price is 4 cents a pound, nearly twice as much. Yet the British loaf is largely made from Canadian grain, shipped six or seven thousand miles.

Medium roast beef in London costs 15 cents a pound. An Ottawa butcher would charge 14 cents for the same. Prime "Colonial" beef costs the Londoner 15 cents and the very best British beef 22 cents a pound. Sirloin steak in Ottawa costs 24 cents a pound. The Canadian duty on beef is three cents a pound.

"Colonial" mutton in London shops costs from 5.75 to 15 cents a pound. Mutton at Ottawa retails at 20 cents. The Canadian duty on mutton is three cents a pound.

Good quality bacon is sold in Ottawa at 25 cents a pound. The Londoner only pays from 19 to 204 cents for the very best. The Canadian duty is two cents a pound.

Canadian and other colonial butter retails in London at 37 cents a pound. It costs an Ottawa 30 and 32 cents a pound to butter his bread. The Canadian duty is four cents a pound.

Canadian cheese sells in London at 17 cents a pound. In Canada, where it is made, it retails for 18 to 20 cents. The Canadian duty is three cents.

Flour retails in London for 28 cents a pound. In Canada where the wheat is grown and made, flour retails for 43 cents a pound. The Canadian duty is sixty cents a barrel.

Granulated sugar costs 5 cents a pound in Ottawa. The Londoner gets the same quality for 4 cents a pound. The Canadian duty is \$1.08 per hundred pounds.

Potatoes in London cost 1.07 cents per pound. In Ottawa they cost 1.01 cents. The Canadian duty is twenty cents a bushel.

No arguments can offset these facts. Canada grows or manufactures all these articles and exports a good many of them. Importation is checked by the tariff. The Canadian consumer has to pay more for them at home than the retailers charge for them in the greatest city in the world where naturally the cost of living should be higher than in the smaller Canadian cities, apart from the cost of shipping. Free food must mean cheaper food.

Two years ago even his bitterest party opponents would hardly have charged that Mr. Borden did not mean a word of his declaration for "honest appropriation of the public money in the public interest" and for "the conservation of the public domain for the benefit of the whole people." In the two years the list of administrative scandals already disclosed has completely belied the fond hope of decent and honest administration.

The following paragraph from an article by Andrew Lang, may prove probably suggestive to those who have wares to sell and are

why about advertising them: "When a goose lays an egg," said Mr. Lang, "she just waddles off as if she was ashamed of it—because she is a goose. When a hen lays an egg—ah, she calls heaven and earth to witness it! The hen is a natural-born advertiser. Hence the demand for hen's eggs exceeds the demand for goose eggs, and the hen has all the business she can attend to."

THE JURY SYSTEM

From time to time the people of Ontario, in other words, Toronto, rise up to protest against the inequities of the jury system. They declare solemnly and without reservation or qualification that it is a failure, and that the entire system should be abolished. They are at it again, are astounded with its shortcomings, and rather insist upon doing away with it. That is the opinion of a small number of those people.

Of course the jury system is not perfect. Juries are made up of human beings, who are full of imperfections, and the findings are occasionally wrong. However, a judge who, it is suggested, might replace the jury, might make mistakes also, and probably as often as the jury. The opinion of twelve men upon points of fact is more important as a rule than the opinion of one man, even though he is a judge.

It is hardly likely that there will be any decided movement

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Tenders will be received by the undersigned secretary up to 7 o'clock p. m., on Monday, the 26th day of January 1914, for the drilling of a Natural Gas Well at or near the Town of Lacombe, Alta. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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STRICT REGULATIONS REGARDING U. S. STUDENTS

Washington, Jan. 1.—Regulations of the most exacting character, regulating the importation of foreign potatoes into the United States, to guard against potato diseases, were laid down by Secretary Houston, of the department of agriculture today, in the form of an official decision. Forms requiring importers to notify the department of all shipments from countries not at present under the absolute quarantine ban, and the enforcement of a rigid inspection upon entry by the department's agents, are contained in the order.

The regulations also provide for lifting, under certain conditions, the quarantine now enforced against most of the potato growing sections of the world. Upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence to the secretary of agriculture that a country is free from injurious potato diseases and insect pests, potatoes will be admitted from that country in accordance with the regulations governing the importations from countries now quarantined against.

The countries now barred from importing potatoes are Newfoundland, the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, Great Britain, including England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, the nations of continental Europe, and the Dominion of Canada. Department officials are confident that some of these countries may, in the near future, be permitted to import potatoes if they adhere strictly to the department's rules.

LLOYD GEORGE JOINS LITTLE NAVY PARTY

London, Jan. 1.—A new campaign against bloated armaments has been started by the forward section of the Liberal party. New Year's Day always provides a natural opportunity for the expression of hopes for international peace and social progress, and the combination of articles which appeared in the ministerial press on this occasion is too remarkable to be altogether without significance.

Lloyd George has thrown his lot with the little navy party. The burden of rates, he says, is becoming unendurable, and is interfering with the development of the country and the most beneficent energies of municipal life.

Some means of lightening the burden must be found. But personally the chancellor of the exchequer despairs of any success in this direction until there is real effort made to reduce the overwhelming and extravagant expenditure on armaments.

The Daily Citizen says the chancellor's announcement will raise the question as to whether he will resign if opposed by his colleagues in the cabinet.

TWO MURDERERS HAVE SENTENCES COMMUTED.

New Westminster, Dec. 29.—J. Lynn and Ole Jorgenson, two convicted murderers, were brought to New Westminster from Kamloops on Saturday. They were found guilty and sentenced to death, but their sen-

tences were commuted to life terms, and they are now confined at the New Westminster penitentiary.

The dispatch of these men to this city prevents the triple hanging which was to have taken place at Kamloops. Jeremiah Mulverhill, the third convicted murderer there, who murdered a section foreman in a row at a camp near Clinton, has secured permission through his lawyer for a stay of execution, with permission to appeal on a stated case to the appeal courts of British Columbia.

Jorgenson was convicted of killing a boy in the upper country. Lynn killed a man in a saloon bar near Clinton, B.C. He is an ex-convict, and has served two terms previously.

GERMAN FINANCES IN POOR CONDITION.

London, Dec. 28.—A prominent financial man who has just returned from an extended visit to Berlin and other important German cities, says that the outlook commercially and financially in Germany for 1914 is extremely bad.

Although the Reichsbank has been greatly strengthened in its gold reserve, the general banking situation is very discouraging. These banks have very little money, and it is scarce and hard to get, with prospects of being rapidly scarce. Loans are being refused on all sides, and it is almost impossible to get loans to start new enterprises or extend old ones.

The trouble, according to this authority, largely due to the over-extension of German commerce on borrowed capital in the past.

The business men are now unable to collect debts, and are therefore unable to pay the banks while the banks dare not call loans through fear that a universal smash would follow such a course, but, on the contrary, still must seek to find money to keep afloat the enterprises they have largely financed.

\$6,500 ABSTRACTED FROM HAVANA BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BANK.

Havana, Dec. 29.—It was learned Saturday that a sum of money amounting to \$6,500 had been abstracted from the Havana branch of the Royal Bank of Canada. It is believed the money was taken by the employees. Two former employees, accused of absconding with the bank's funds, are believed by the Pensacola authorities to be aboard the American schooner Doris, due here early this week. The government agents will board the Doris when she comes into port and take the suspects into custody.

FATAL FALL ON ICE.

Winipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—Charles H. Roy, aged 69, while on his way to church Sunday

Magnet Lodge No. 12 I. O. O. F.

Meets in Masonic Hall, Lacombe, every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers always welcome.—M. B. McDonald N. G., Geo. Baker, R. S.

Notice.—A special meeting of Magnet Lodge No. 12 will be held on Monday evening January 12th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of rehearsing in degree work. As large an attendance as possible is desired.

night, fell on the slippery sidewalk and died in a few moments. It is thought that death was due to natural causes and not from the force of the fall. He was employed by the C.P.R., and has lived in Winnipeg for a great many years.

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a woman being bored to death by
heavily c/w doncher know, remark
young Duddiegh. We lly, I can't
agine a more howelible affair, ca
you, Miss Caustique?

No, Mr. Duddiegh, replied Miss Ca
stique, with a mighty yawn, unless
is being bored to death by a calf.

A London scientist has figured the
woman is talking so much that even
only she will lose her voice and ca
le like a hen. He hadn't heard of the
American chicken, either.

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The Same
What nice, large peaches! said the
dy.
Yes, ma'am; they are beauties, ma'
am, replied the dealer.
How do you sell them?
One dollar a basket, ma'am.
And are they just the same at the
bottom of the basket as at the top?
Oh, yes, ma'am: \$1 a basket ma'am,
just the same.

An Endearing Act
 Wife (pleadingly)—I'm afraid, Jack, you do not love me any more—anyway not so well as you used to.
 Husband—Why?
 Wife—Because you always let me get up to light the fire now.
 Husband—Nonsense, my love! Your getting up to light the fire makes me love you all the more.

Now boys, I want each of you to subscribe something toward the mission to the Caribboos. I shall hand the box round, and as each of you will contribute you will, I hope, say some appropriate text. Now, Charlie, you show a good example.

CAUGHT COLD IN WOUND

It may be only a scratch or a cut to begin with, but the deadly germs get into it and soon you are a victim of blood-poisoning. You say you caught cold in the head and have a sore throat, red and bery, and throbbing (a strong trob) .

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A youngster was much depressed by loneliness. His own brother had gone away for a week, and the lady across the street, with whom he played occasionally, was ill in bed. Moreover, there were no toys that he found amusing.

In this sad state his mother found him. Perhaps, she suggested, I can play with you. What is it you wish to play, Indiana?

No, mam, sighed the boy. I wish was two little dogs, so I could play together.

Exhausted from Astoria Man

who read these words know the terrible drain upon health and strength which comes in the train of asthmatic troubles. Many do not realize, however, that there is a true remedy which will surely stop this drain. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy is a wonderful check to this enervating ailment. It has a countless record of relief to its credit. It is sold almost everywhere.

He had been around from church to church trying to find a congenial congregation, and finally he stopped at a little church just as the congregation read with the minister:

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

The man dropped into a pew with a sigh of relief.

The boy had just handed his father a sizable haberdasher's bill with the request that he pay it.

On one occasion a certain parliamentary character, known as a clever speaker and very effective in dealing with a hostile audience, was addressing a meeting in his constituency.

The highest wireless tower in the world is at Nauen, Germany. It is nearly a thousand feet high, and it is expected that the company can send messages as far as from Berlin to Chicago.

Love never lasts more than 8 years, says a lady who appears to have devoted some study to the subject. Perhaps it isn't as bad as some would have us believe it to be. She may have got her information from Nat Goodwin or De Wolf Hopper.

Also the self control of rail agents has been vindicated. The pie reached destination.

Illinois women continue to sit juries despite the attorney general's opinion that they cannot.

Assistance Necessary

The first field glasses taken to the new Hebrides corals puzzled the timid-minded natives. A traveler told me, "My curiosity was aroused while walking along the shore, when a native at his side pointed out a figure in the far distance. There came one of my countrymen, a white man, drawing out his field glasses, and focusing them, handed them to him. He looked through them with an amazement, beheld his too apparently close at hand. Dropping the glasses, he seized his arrows and looked at me with a questioning gaze. I was at first amazed. Once more he watched the magic glasses, once more he looked through them. A third time more he was baffled. A bright thought suddenly occurred to him. He held the glasses to my eyes, said to the missionary, and I can see him."

Cultured Hindus

In Bengal there are about 70,000-80,000 people and they boast of perhaps the best culture in India at the present time. Bengali is an Indo-European language and is only fifty years old. Though for over a thousand years the Bengalis have been in contact with the Indians, unfortunately no trace of Bengali having been an important literary tongue. Its language originates from Sanskrit, its mother tongue being Pali. Bengali has borrowed its alphabet, grammar and vocabulary; but unlike the others, Bengali never 'shrinks' from borrowing. There are numerous Persian, French, Arabic and English words incorporated in it and the wonder of it is that, instead of being a 'half-breed' language, it has formed a fine pidgin English. Bengali is becoming the most literary, scientific and perhaps the most philosophic of modern Indian languages.

Very Sad
First Salesman—A woman was arrested downstairs this morning.
Second Saleswoman—What for?
First Saleswoman—She was caught in the act of concealing a hand mirror.
Second Saleswoman—Poor woman! That's what comes of taking a glass too much.

Seville's Tower of Giralda

From its great antiquity alone it is not to be supposed that there is nothing else in it plain that the student of architecture can study. Studied from the tower of the Madison Square Garden in New York which is a copy of it, the tower of Giralda is no service copy, but in its frank imitation has a grace and beauty which the tower of the city of Seville always the Giralda, and although there had been no Saint Gaudens to tip it stigmatically with a flying figure of Faith which crowns it is at least a good western name and from the tower its name. Louis centuries before the tower was a helmy it carried the mosque, which the cathedral and the mosque, which the cathedral began to fall the faithful to prayer, but it was then only two-thirds as high.

A Snow Hurricane

The buran, or snow hurricane of the Pamirs, is a meteorological phenomenon of great interest. Even in mid-summer the temperature during a snow buran frequently falls to 14 degrees F., while in one winter it dropped to 46 degrees below zero at the end of January. The buran comes with startling suddenness, the atmosphere growing dark with whirling snowflakes where scarcely a minute before the sky was perfectly clear.

The Magnet
Magnet is derived from the name of the city of Magnesia, in Asia Minor, where the properties of the lodestone are said to have been discovered. It has, however, been asserted that the name comes from Magnes, the name of a shepherd who discovered magnetic power by using held on Mount Ida, in Greece, by its attraction for the nails in his shoes.

There is much speculation over the question, but little hope that Colombia will, so to speak, put on a silk hat for the canal opening and discard its Panama.

Premiums Upon Babies

Augustus, emperor of Rome, made babies a passport to office. By the

Lex Papia Poppaea, passed in A.D. 8, definite preference as regards office was given to the others of satisfactory large families. Such fathers were eligible for office before twenty-five. They took precedence of colleagues with no children or fewer than three and were preferred all round. The privilege was called the *ius trium liberorum* (three children privilege), but the qualifying number, three in Rome, was four in Italy, five in the provinces. The system, however, never worked well.

Ribbons


The original spelling of ribbon was ribband, for it was a band that went around the waist, tucking or binding the ribs. The hair ribbon is thus a very odd verbal paradox.

Many a June bride who imagines she would do nothing but occupy a throne is now down in the cellar trying to suck out of the

Every once in awhile you can pick up the paper and see that the war is ended again in Santo Domingo. However, the papers are justified. Each time it's a different war.

In the Balkan regions they are picking up the Balkan balls out of the lanes and preparatory to resuming agriculture.

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